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SUMMARY. WE MADE REQUESTED DEMARCHE AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE AND  
THE MINISTRY OF LABOR. EDELBERG (LABMIN) REBUTTED THINKING OF  
CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEE SUBCOMMITTEE AND SAID HE BELIEVED EC  
PROPOSAL WOULD BE PUT FORWARD AT FEB 6 MEETING OF GB WORKING  
PARTY ON STRUCTURE. END SUMMARY.

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1. WE MADE POINTS IN REF (C) TO RESPONSIBLE OFFICIALS IN FOREIGN  
MINISTRY AND MINISTRY OF LABOR AFTERNOON OF JAN 24. BOTH  
PROMISED TO INSURE THAT DENMARK'S REPRESENTATIVE IN GENEVA,  
AMBASSADOR KASTOFT, WOULD BE APPRISED OF OUR DEMARCHE.

2. EDELBERG, HEAD OF THE INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SECTION OF THE

MINISTRY OF LABOR, RESPONDED OPENLY AND FIRMLY TO THE POINTS WE MADE IN OUR DEMARCHE AND HANDED OVER A COPY OF THE TEXT OF THE EC WORKING PAPER. THE FOLLOWING ADDITION TO THE TEXT CONTAINED IN GENEVA'S 932 WAS NOTED: FOLLOWING THE WORD "COLLEGE" IN PARA 1 OF GENEVA'S 932 A NEW SENTENCE WAS INSERTED - "THE NINE BELIEVE THAT THIS WORKING HYPOTHESIS COULD BE ELABORATED, IN A MANNER LIKELY TO SECURE THE EFFICIENT OPERATION OF THE ILO, ALONG THE LINES OF THE FOLLOWING PARAGRAPHS:". EDELBERG SAID THAT WITH THIS CHANGE THE TEXT CONTAINED IN GENEVA'S 932 HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE EC NINE ON JAN 20 AND WOULD BE PRESENTED TO THE IMEC MEMBERS JAN 25.

3. EDELBERG NOTED THAT DENMARK WAS NOT A MEMBER OF THE WORKING PARTY ON STRUCTURE, BUT THAT IN ITS ROLE AS PRESIDENT OF THE EC IT CHAIRED EC DELIBERATIONS ON SUCH MATTERS AS THE EC PROPOSAL ON ILO STRUCTURE.

4. AFTER READING THE POINTS MADE BY THE CABINET LEVEL COMMITTEE'S SUBCOMMITTEE, EDELBERG COMMENTED THAT NO PRACTICAL PROBLEMS WOULD BE OCCASIONED BY ENLARGEMENT OF THE GOVERNING BODY (GB) SINCE SEATS ARE ALREADY AVAILABLE FOR THE DEPUTIES. (OUR FOREIGN OFFICE CONTACT CONCEDE THAT ENLARGEMENT OF THE GB WOULD MAKE ITS WORK MORE DIFFICULT, BUT EDELBERG DID NOT.) HE SAID THAT ENLARGEMENT, IN HIS VIEW, WAS A NECESSITY FROM THE EUROPEAN POINT OF VIEW ALONE, WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE PRESSURES EXISTING IN THE OTHER REGIONS.

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5. EDELBERG RECOGNIZED THAT ENLARGEMENT OF THE GOVERNMENT GROUP IN THE GB WOULD CREATE PRESSURES ON THE EMPLOYERS AND WORKERS GROUPS. HE THOUGHT THAT THE EMPLOYERS WOULD FIND THIS ISSUE MORE DIFFICULT TO DEAL WITH THAN THE WORKERS, WHO ALREADY HAD EASTERN EUROPEAN REPRESENTATION IN THEIR GROUP. HE SAID THE EC PAPER DID NOT FORESEE THE CREATION OF A SEPARATE REGION FOR EASTERN EUROPE AND THIS WAS NOT ENVISAGED.

6. EDELBERG SAID THAT THE EC PAPER IN ITSELF REPRESENTED A COMPROMISE, INASMUCH AS IT HAD BEEN APPROVED BY THE SMALL AS WELL AS LARGE STATES AMONG THE NINE. IT WOULD CERTAINLY NOT RECEIVE THE APPROVAL OF NORWAY OR CANADA AND PROBABLY WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE IMEC COUNTRIES JAN 25, HE SAID. THE EC INTENTION WAS TO PRESENT IT, NEVERTHELESS, TO THE GROUP OF 77. THE NINE FEARED THAT IF A DISCUSSABLE PROPOSAL WERE NOT TABLED FEB 6 THERE WOULD BE NO WAY TO AVOID A CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD NOT BE IN THEIR INTEREST.

7. EDELBERG FURTHER SAID THAT IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE TO FIND FORMULAS WHICH WOULD HAVE THE PURPOSE OF BALANCING DISCREPANCIES IN POPULATION AND CONTRIBUTIONS THROUGH WEIGHTING

SO THAT AFRICA, FOR EXAMPLE, WOULD NOT BE DISADVANTAGED. EDELBERG  
POINTED TO PARA 1(F) OF GENEVA'S 932 AS A WAY OF INSURING THAT  
THE MOST IMPORTANT COUNTRIES CONTINUED TO BE ASSURED REPRESENT-  
ATION ON THE GOVERNING BODY.  
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